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TO: The Secretary

The Under Secretary

BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

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From: Assistant Secretary for Industry and Trade

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Subject: Dinner hosted by Chinese Ambassador Chai Zemin in Your Honor, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m., Chinese Embassy, 2300 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.

This dinner is being hosted by Ambassador Chai as a courtesy prior to your departure to China. He will undoubtedly be interested in learning whom you hope to see in Beijing and what you hope to accomplish during your visit, and he can be expected to report this back to Beijing. Ambassador Chai can be expected to be particularly interested in learning how the U.S. will respond to their proposal concerning conclusion of the trade agreement during your visit.

The substance of the following talking points on your trip was conveyed last week to the PRC Embassy here and our Embassy in Beijing.

General Talking Points

- Your pleasure with being able to make this trip and your hope that it will contribute to advancing further the progress in normalizing U.S.-Chinese relations begun by the visits of Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping and Secretary Blumenthal.
- Your desire to see China's modern industry and cities as well as its historic and scenic treasures, so as to gain a better appreciation of the country's development accomplishments and prospects.

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- During his visit here, Vice Premier Fang Yi (FANG) expressed interest in expanding scientific and technical cooperation with the United States. An agreement on cooperation in science and technology also was signed. You are pleased that the groundwork for such cooperation with Chinese institutions is being laid by some of your Department's agencies, especially those represented by Baruch, Jordan, and Slater. A meeting with Vice Premier Fang will provide both of you an opportunity to confirm these arrangements and explore opportunities for additional ones.
- Your delegation will include U.S. Government officials who represent a number of agencies and issue areas. In addition, you will be taking along representatives of U.S. business and management expertise. This is so that we can hold discussions and make progress on a wide variety of matters important to our bilateral relations.
- Despite all these important matters to be discussed, you hope to have time to visit a number of historic and industrial sites, such as the Great Wall, Summer Place, Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven; a factory and a commune; the Canton Fair; and the charms of Guilin (GWAY-LIN) and the Li River.

Ambassador Chai undoubtedly will propose a toast during the dinner. A text for your response toast is attached.

A list of the Chinese Embassy officials we expect to be present is attached. On the American side, your entire official delegation of 22 has been invited.

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Attachments

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Ambassador and Mrs. Chai.

American and Chinese friends.

In less than two weeks we will be leaving for China on a mission that I expect will do much to cement our economic and commercial relations.

This is work entrusted to us by President Carter following his January meeting with Vice Premier Deng here in Washington. Secretary Blumenthal has already been to China and as a result we moved our relationship forward. I expect to do no less.

The job will not be easy. Our peoples have been separated too long and we need to rebuild our historic friendship. Trade based on equality and mutual benefit is not only profitable in the economic sense, but a major form of reconstructing strong friendly ties between our two great peoples.

If we are successful, we will make a vital contribution to peace and harmony in the world.

I express appreciation for your fine hospitality.

Now I propose a toast:

To the health of Ambassador and Mrs. Chai;
To the health of all our friends here tonight; and
To the strengthening of friendship and cooperation between the American and Chinese peoples.

Gan Bei!! (GAHN BAY)

CHINESE OFFICIALS EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE
IN DINNER

<u>OFFICIAL</u>	<u>ADDRESSED</u>	<u>PHONETIC</u>
Ambassador Chai Zemin	Ambassador	CHY
Li Yufeng (his wife)	Mrs.	LEE
Peng Jinpo, Commercial Counsellor	Mr.	PUNG
Li Guochen	Mrs.	LEE
Cao Kueisheng, Political Counsellor	Mr.	TSAOW
Chang Aihua (his wife)	Mrs.	CHANG
Hsu Chaohsiang, First Secretary (S&T)	Mr.	SHEW
Wang Tienming, Second Secretary, Commercial	Mr.	WAHNG
Chin Chukuan (his wife)	Mrs.	CHIN
Jen Chihchief, Second Secretary, Commercial	Mr.	REN
Shang Chihhsien (his wife)	Mrs.	SHAHNG
Li Wenchun, Commercial Attache	Mr.	LEE
Lin Futsai, Commercial Attache	Mr.	LYNN
Liu Weikuo, Commercial Attache	Mr.	LEEYOE